Myles Cherrette

Myles Cherette is a storyteller at heart who believes that voice is one of the most powerful tools a person can have. Whether he is singing, speaking, organizing, or leading, he uses his voice to bring people together and move conversations forward. Raised in Franklin, New Jersey, Myles first discovered that power in church, where music was more than performance. It was connection, healing, and community. Influenced by artists like Nat King Cole and Michael Jackson, he developed a sound rooted in jazz, gospel, and R&B, blending technical artistry with deep emotional storytelling.

His dedication to the arts has led to national recognition, including being named a National Young Arts Award Winner with Distinction and earning a bronze medal at the NAACP National ACT SO Competition in Vocal Contemporary. As Creative Director of the Star Choir winning group Gold N' Blues, he helped lead a performance at NBC's Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting, an experience that reflected not only talent but vision and leadership. Yet Myles measures success less by awards and more by impact, by whether his work creates moments of joy, reflection, or unity for the people who experience it.

Beyond the stage, Myles is a committed student leader and advocate who sees civic engagement as another way to use his voice. As Student Council President and President of his school's Debate and Politics Club, he creates spaces for young people to speak boldly about the issues shaping their lives. His work in voter registration and youth outreach, including research presented nationally and discussions at the White House, reflects his belief that democracy is strongest when young people participate early and often. Deeply interested in law, public policy, and African American studies, he hopes to help shape systems that are more just, inclusive, and responsive to future generations.

At his core, Myles is driven by a simple idea that voice can change lives. Whether sung, spoken, or used in service, he strives to turn words into bridges that connect communities, honor overlooked stories, and remind others that their voices matter too.

In the fall, Myles will be a proud rising Freshman and Duke University, majoring in Political Science and Music.